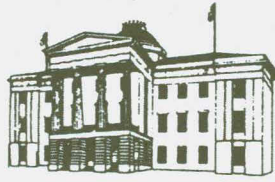


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2010 marks the seventeenth annual celebration of the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival, sponsored by the Polk County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival is selected as a Top 20 Event by the Southeast Tourism Society for June 2010, listed as a premier festival in Good Housekeeping Magazine and listed as one of National Geographic's "must attend cool festival"; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Music Festival, being ranked one of the top five most popular barbecue competitions in the United States by the Travel Channel, and having won the prestigious Spirit Of Barbecue, Best Event Award, will bring together competitors from across the nation to vie for winning titles in pork ribs, beef brisket, poultry, whole hog and pork shoulder categories; and

WHEREAS, this competition attracts more than 25,000 attendees from all over the country from as far away as Arkansas, Texas, Florida and Pennsylvania as a result of its broad media coverage, family fun appeal and respected reputation in the world of sanctioned competition barbecue; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ridge Barbecue and Festival pays homage to our environment by adopting a Going Green Initiative with a goal toward reducing Festival waste by 75%; and

WHEREAS, this event shall be known as a North Carolina State Barbecue Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 11-12, 2010, in recognition of the "**THE BLUE RIDGE BARBECUE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to commend its observance.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.